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## Twin Cities Visionary's New *CD Lessons of the Heart*

MINNEAPOLIS, MN-- Three girls ranging in age from six to thirteen, dance from row to row as they work in their 39-year old friend's backyard garden in upstate New York. They sing at the top of their lungs. A speaker in the back wind of the house fills the air with "miracles," a song from Twin Cities recording artist Arthur Lee's new CD. The girls have memorized every word of that song already.

Their friend just received the new Arthur Lee release as a gift from her brother. "I LOVE the Arthur Lee CD," she said. "It came at a time when I truly needed some inspiration."

Arthur Lee and his 10-piece powerhouse band The Next Step have just released their new CD "Lessons of the heart on Planetary Clubhouse Records. It was recorded at Prince's Paisley Park Studios. "The album is a celebration of our connection to each other, with songs for a happy heart and a healthy planet," says Arthur Lee.

"Lessons of the Heart" was co-produced by Arthur Lee and Dr. Mambo's Combo guitarist Billy Franze. It was mixed in Los Angeles by David Devore. David has also engineered albums by Grateful Dead, Stantana, Fleetwood Mac, Jackson Browne, Elton John and Foreigner.

The new CD features some of the Twin Cities' finest musicians, including vocalists Debbie Duncan, Margaret Cox, (Mambo's Combo) and Gwen Matthews (Rupert's Orch); bassist Charles Fletcher and Rob Arthur on Hammond B3 organ (both of Stud Brothers & North Coast); John McAndrew on piano; double drummers Jesse Wheeler and Greg Marsh, and Brian Wilke on pedal steel and slide guitars.

Arthur's masterful lead guitar work highlights the CD, weaving its way through an eclectic blend of folk rock, country, funk, R&B, gospel, new age, and reggae. The music reaches across cultural boundaries, speaking a language heart and Soul understand best. The language of love.

"It's really a fusion of black and white roots music," says Lee. "You've got a funky R&B rhythm section on the bottom, the twang of the stringbender Tele, slide guitar, and pedal steel in the middle, and the soaring gospel vocals on the top."

You can catch Arthur Lee in a solo acoustic performance at the Blues Guitar Stillwater, MN on July 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 per person.

"Lessons of the Heart," on Planetary Clubhouse Records, will be available at the concert. You can also order it at local record stores through Electric Fetus Distribution. A portion of the profits from the CD will help support Global Action Plan's Eco Team program.